

On motion of Mr. Clark, referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the second section of an act for the incorporation of the town of Paris, the county seat of Lamar county, approved February 3d, 1845.

Read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize sheriffs to charge and receive mileage in certain cases.

Read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Bourland, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill to be entitled an act to apportion the Senators and Representatives of the Legislature, among the several counties of this State.

Read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Clark, referred to the committee on Apportionment, Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Bache moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Cuny, the Senate adjourned until half-past 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Thursday, Half-past 9 o'clock, a. m.
February 10th, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Fitzgerald, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRae, Navarro, Perkins, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wootten.

Quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Navarro presented the petition of C. Johnson, which,

On motion of Mr. Navarro, was referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A message was received from the House of Representatives,

informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills, viz.:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating attachments;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of Lavaca;

Also, the following bill, which originated in the Senate, viz.:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the third section of an act, entitled an act, concerning slaves, approved February 5th, 1840.

Mr. Clark, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the first, fourth and fifth sections of an act, approved 22d day of December, 1836, entitled an act regulating estrays, reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Clark from the same committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "an act to authorize and require the Judges of the District Courts to hold special sessions thereof, for the trial of persons charged with the commission of crimes, the punishment for which is death," reported the same back to the Senate and recommend that it be laid upon the table.

Mr. Burleson, Chairman of the committee on the Militia to whom was referred a "Joint Resolution for the benefit of the Texas volunteers, called into the service of the country in the year 1846," reported the same back to the Senate, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Williams Chairman of the select committee to which was referred "a bill to be entitled an act to establish the several Judicial Districts of the District Courts."

And "a bill to be entitled an act to establish the Judicial Districts of the District Courts," reported a substitute therefor, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Bourland introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Jefferson.

Read first time.

Mr. Grimes offered the following resolution.

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives con-

curing, that the committee on contingent expenses, be instructed jointly to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the capital and the furniture therein, belonging to the State, immediately after the adjournment of the present session of the Legislature, which contract shall have the force and effect of a penal bond, conditioned for the safe keeping of the capital and the furniture thereunto belonging, stationary excepted, and the delivery thereof to the proper authorities, on the meeting of the next Legislature.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

Joint Resolution authorizing and requiring the Governor to employ some competent person to digest the laws.

Read third time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the prices of Land Patents.

Read third time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the third section of an act to provide for the disposition of the funds received from the United States, approved 3rd January, 1848.

Read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 2nd and 3rd sections of the act concerning Divorce and Alimony, approved May 6th, 1841; read second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Joint Resolution in behalf of Edward A. Weyman a resident citizen of the county of Nueces, together with the report of the committee on State Affairs, offering amendments was read; report adopted and Resolution passed to a third reading.

Joint Resolution making an appropriation for the payment of the pro rata pay due E. W. Moore, Post Captain commanding the late Texas Navy, under the provisions of an act of Congress of the Republic of Texas, approved 5th February, 1844;

Read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Liley, a colored woman.

Read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the county seat of Grimes County.

Read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing in what cases, the Governor may remit fines and forfeitures.

Read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize a special tax to be levied upon the citizens of Harris county.

Read first time.

Mr. Gage Chairman of the committee on counties and county boundaries, to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the permanent location of the county seat of Cass county;" reported a substitute for the same, and recommended its adoption.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating attachments.

Read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the county Court of Fort Bend to lay an additional tax.

Read first time.

Joint Resolution for the relief of Robert H. Beall, who was permanently disabled in the service of the country.

Read first time.

Mr. Dancy, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Kisiah Taylor, whose maiden name was Kisiah Cryer.

Read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Comptroller of Public Accounts to issue duplicates of certain drafts to Charles Shearn.

Read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to grant one league of land to John Conner, a Chief of the Delaware tribe, and his band of Delaware Indians.

Read second time;

And, on motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the names of the counties of Cameron, Webb and Starr.

Read second time.

Mr. Gage moved to amend by striking out "Palo Alto" and inserting "Taylor."

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the bill and amendment were referred to the committee on counties and county boundaries.

The following report from the committee on the Judiciary was read.

The Judiciary committee ask leave to return to the Senate a bill to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue a patent for one league and labor of land to the legal heirs of Henry O. Roberts, deceased, assignee of A. O. Williams.

The committee undertake to express no opinion upon the merits of this application for land. They are not satisfied from the evidence before them, to recommend a compliance with the petitioners request; and as the business upon their hands is of such a character as to prevent their giving the case that investigation, which justice to all parties concerned, perhaps requires, they suggest the propriety of referring it some other and appropriate committee. Under the circumstances they ask to be relieved from its further consideration.

EDWARD CLARK,
Chairman.

Which report was adopted, and bill,

On motion of Mr. Wallace referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Gage, Chairman of the committee on counties and county boundaries, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an "act supplementary to an act to create and organize the county of Panola," reported it back to the Senate with a substitute therefor, and recommended its adoption.

Joint Resolution for the benefit of R. M. Potter, Collector of Customs at Velasco, during the years 1842, 1843 and 1844.

Read second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Clark, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill to be entitled an act to require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to charge fees for business done in his office when the State is not concerned.

Read second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Williamson referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to create a State Library, and to provide a Library fund.

Read second time.

Mr. Grimes moved to amend by striking out the second section.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the bill was referred to the committee on State affairs.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the opening and construction of a Turnpike road across the Trinity bottom.

Read second time; and,

On motion of Mr. Clark, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt certain property from taxation, designed and used for purposes of religious worship, and of education, was read, and

On motion of Mr. Williamson, laid upon the table.

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Texas, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary thereon, was read, and

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the report and resolution were laid upon the table.

Mr. Williams by leave introduced a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the printing of the Laws and Journals.

Read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the times and places of holding the Supreme Court, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary thereon, was read, and

On motion of Mr. Clark, the bill, together with the report was laid upon the table:

Joint resolution relative to a division of the Supreme Court.

Read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Gage, laid upon the table.

The following report from the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, was read :

The committee on Counties and County Boundaries have had under consideration a bill to be entitled an act to establish the county seat of Denton county, and have instructed me to report it back to the Senate with the following amendments, and recommend their adoption and the passage of the bill.

1st amendment—section 1st, 4th line, strike out "Alton."

2d amendment—section 4th, 3d line, strike out "Denton county" and insert "and all writs heretofore issued, returnable

to Pinckneyville, shall be returned to, and tried at the town of Alton."

D. GAGE, Chairman.

Which report was adopted, and bill passed to a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the proceedings on a trial of the rights of property seized by a Sheriff, Constable or other officer, by virtue of an execution, attachment, or other writ, when the same or a part of it may be claimed by a person not a party to said execution, attachment or writ.

Read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Cuny, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of La Vaca.

Read first time.

Mr. Grimes offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the committee on Public Lands be required to take into consideration the propriety of selling or otherwise disposing of the alternate sections reserved for the use of the government, in the colonies granted by the late Republic of Texas, and that they be required to report by bill or otherwise."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, 10 o'clock, A. M.
February 11th, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.
The following Senators answered to their names: